

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended and new Claims 2-79 are added to the application by this Amendment. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Regarding Claim Amendments

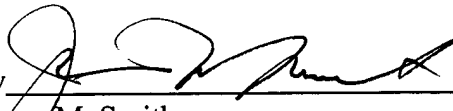
It is believed that no new matter is introduced by the claim amendments. In particular, the amendments to the claims and the new claims essentially correspond to claims that were allowed in the parent patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,617,936). For example, Claim 1 includes the limitations of Claim 10, as allowed in the parent patent. Thus, no new matter is introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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